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SUBJECT: LAO WEEKLY SITREP, MARCH 20, 1974

REF: VIENTIANE 2014

BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING PERIOD MARCH 12-19, TWO LAO SIDES  
CONTINUED TO RECORD PROGRESS ON THE NEUTRALIZATION OF THE  
TWIN CAPITALS, AS, IN VIENTIANE, JOINT RLG-LPF POLICE  
PATROLS COMMENCED AND THE RLG REMOVED ITS FORCES FROM  
OUTPOSTS OVERLOOKING LPF POSITIONS IN LUANG PRABANG.  
RLG TACTFULLY HAS DECIDED TO PLAY TRADITIONAL ARMED  
FORCES DAY FESTIVITIES, MARCH 23, IN LOW KEY. CANADIAN  
SUGGESTION THAT ICC/LAOS ADJOURN SINE DIE MET WITH SHRUG  
FROM SOUVANNA, BUT WITH OPPOSITION FROM POLISH ICC REP,  
JCCIA, MARCH 20, REQUESTED REACTIVATION OF ICC. MILITARY  
SITUATION THROUGHOUT THE KINGDOM DURING THE WEEK WAS  
PEACEFUL, WITH ONLY ONE INCIDENT REPORTED. ON ECONOMIC  
FRONT, PRICE LEVELS AND FEOF DEMAND REMAINED RELATIVELY  
STABLE. END SUMMARY

#### I. IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT

##### 1. JCCIA DEVELOPMENTS

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AT THE 16TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE JCCIA, MARCH 14,  
THE TWO SIDES SIGNED A MEMORANDUM ON THE 15TH  
PLENARY SESSION WHICH, ACCORDING TO RADIO PATHET LAO,  
INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING POINTS: TRANSFER OF RLG'S MUNICIPAL  
POLICE TO THE JOINT POLICE FORCE (JPF) WILL TAKE PLACE IN  
BOTH CITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; RLG MILITARY FORCES AT  
PAK THANG, NEAR WATTAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WILL BE MOVED  
OUT IN NEAR FUTURE; THE JPF WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE AIR-

PORTS THIS WEEK; THE RLG WILL DESIGNATE CERTAIN AREAS FOR THE LPF TO STATION THEIR PLANES AND BUILD LIVING QUARTERS FOR LPF PERSONNEL GUARDING THE PLANES; AND RLG WARPLANES WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." THE TWO SIDES ALSO AGREED TO ASSIGN 12 LEGAL OFFICERS FROM EACH SIDE TO THE PMF JOINT HEAD-QUARTERS IN EACH CITY AND THE RLG AGREED TO PROVIDE THE LPF WITH A LIST OF THOSE "UNITS, OFFICES, MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS AND PERSONNEL WHO WILL EITHER REMAIN OR BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE TWO CITIES." AFTER MARCH 14, LPF BEGAN ASSIGNING ITS POLICE OFFICERS TO SEVERAL DISTRICT POLICE OUTPOSTS IN VIENTIANE AND, ON THE 18TH JOINT PATROLS IN VIENTIANE COMMENCED WITH THREE POLICE VEHICLES, CARRYING THREE POLICE OFFICERS FROM EACH SIDE, THROUGH THE STREETS AT NIGHT-TIME.

MEANWHILE, ON MARCH 15, DEPUTIES TO THE MAYOR OF VIENTIANE VISITED TWO DISTRICTS, ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RLG AND LPF, TO EXPLAIN THE VIENTIANE ACCORDS AND ITS ATTENDANT REGULATIONS TO THE PEOPLE. THE HEADS OF THE TWO SIDES' JCCIA DELEGATIONS ALSO SPOKE AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS.

RADIO PATHET LAO REPORTS THAT ON MARCH 13 THE PROTECTIVE MILITARY FORCE (PMF) COMMANDS IN VIENTIANE ISSUED A JOINT STATEMENT CONCERNING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PMF WITHIN THE 15-KILOMETER "SAFE AREA" WHICH IS TO SURROUND VIENTIANE; BUT RLG SOURCES PRIVATELY SAY FINAL AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED ON THIS SUBJECT.

## 2. LPF ACTIVITIES

FROM MARCH 11-15 PRINCE SIHANOUK AND ENTOURAGE  
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FOR THE FIRST TIME VISITED SAM NEUA, WHERE THEY WERE MET WITH COMRADELY WARMTH AND ENTHUSIASM. IN COURSE OF VISIT, BOTH PRINCES OFTEN REMARKED ON SOLIDARITY OF INDOCHINESE PEOPLES IN "COMMON STRUGGLE AGAINST U.S. IMPERIALISM." SIHANOUK YET ASSERTED THAT ANY NEGOTIATIONS TO BRING PEACE TO CAMBODIA WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN GRUNK AND USG.

ON MARCH 12, THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT'S LIBERATION RADIO AND RADIO PATHET LAO REPORTED THAT THE PRG "EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE" PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO SOUPHANOUVONG ON MARCH 8. PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA WAS SURPRISED BY THIS MOVE IN VIEW OF FEBRUARY 26 STATEMENT BY "PRG FOREIGN MINISTER" THAT "PRG WAS READY TO

ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE NEW LAO  
COALITION GOVERNMENT." WE SUSPECT THAT ARRIVAL OF "PRG"  
REP IN SAM NEUA MAY ACTUALLY BE FIRST STEP IN COMMUNIST  
MOVE TOWARD THIS GOAL.

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IN VIENTIANE, PHOUN SIPRASEUTH, CHIEF OF LPF  
DELEGATION, MET WITH SOUVANNA ON MARCH 12 AND 18 TO  
"DISCUSS FORMATION OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT." AROUND  
VIENTIANE, LPF MEMBERS OF THE JOINT POLICE ARE INCREASINGLY  
VISIBLE. DURING THE WEEK, AN LPF VEHICLE PASSED BY THE  
USAID/DAO COMPOUND AND AN OCCUPANT TOOK PICTURES OF OU

FACILITIES THERE. LPF IS ALSO APPARENTLY COMPILING LISTS  
OF THE LAO NATIONALS WORKING FOR THE U.S. MISSION. SUCH  
EFFORTS MAY BE IN PREPARATION FOR SOME SORT OF PROPAGANDA  
ATTACK ON CONTINUED U.S. ROLE IN LAOS.

IN THE AVIATION FIELD, RADIO PATHET LAO ANNOUNCED  
A DECISION TAKEN MARCH 2 BY THE LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO  
ESTABLISH AN LPF AVIATION DEPARTMENT TO "ASSUME TASK OF  
ORGANIZING AND CONTROLLING AVIATION IN THE LAO LIBERATED  
ZONE." ON THE 19TH, SOTH PHETRASY, CHIEF OF LPF DELEGATION  
TO THE JCCIA, SENT A LETTER TO THE JCCIA ASKING PERMISSION  
FOR THE LPF TO FLY AN AN-24/B TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT ON THE ROUTE  
HANOI-VIENTIANE-LUANG PRABANG AND RETURN. THE RLG DELEGA-  
TION SPOKESMAN STATED THAT THE LAO DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL  
AVIATION WOULD HAVE TO STUDY THE REQUEST FIRST AND THAT  
AN ANSWER SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING BY MARCH 22.

DESPITE THE REMOVAL OF RLG FORCES FROM POSITIONS  
THREATENING LPF POSITIONS IN LUANG PRABANG, THE LPF MEDIA  
CONTINUES TO HAMMER AWAY AT RLG "ENCIRCLEMENT" AND, ESPECIALLY,  
AT THE UNCOOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF MR I DEPUTY COMMANDER  
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TIAO SINH SAYSANA.

### 3. RLG ACTIVITIES

RLG WILL CELEBRATE ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY, MARCH 23, IN SUBDUED MANNER, WITHOUT TRADITIONAL MILITARY PARADE DOWN LANE XANG BOULEVARD. KING AND QUEEN WILL ATTEND CEREMONIES AND KING'S PRESENCE IN VIENTIANE WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH RLG LEADERS. OVER WEKKEND, PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA HAD AUDIENCE WITH KING IN LUANG PRABANG DURING WHICH HE REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS PERTAINING TO PGNU FORMATION.

ON MARCH 18, THE RLG SPOKESMAN STATED THAT THE RLG DOES NOT SUPPORT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S CALL FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION. ACTION ON THE ASSEMBLY'S REQUEST IS STILL PENDING AT THE ROYAL COURT IN LUANG PRABANG.

RLG ENGINEERS HAVE BEGUN RENOVATION OF THE AIRFIELD AT BAN KEUN, SOME 25 MILES NORTH OF VIENTIANE, WHERE RLG PLANS TO EVENTUALLY TO RELOCATE ITS FIGHTER AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY STATIONED IN VIENTIANE. DURING THE WEKK, THE MR V COMMANDER ISSUED A NOTICE THAT, BECAUSE OF ON-GOING CONSTRUCTION, BAN KEUN AIRSTRIP HAD BEEN CLOSED.

### 4. OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TO LAOS, LE VAN HIEN, RETURNED TO VIENTIANE MARCH 13 AFTER AN ABSENCE OF MORE THAN TEN YEARS. IN HIS ARRIVAL STATEMENT, HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE "EFFORTS DISPLAYED BY BOTH LAO PARTIES IN IMPLEMENTING THE AGREEMENT AND ITS PROTOCOL, EFFORTS SOLIDIFIED BY THE ACHIEVEMENT OF NEUTRALIZATION OF LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE, WHICH OPENS THE WAY TO FORMING THE PGNU." SINCE HIS ARRIVAL, HE HAS BEEN BUSILY MEETING WITH HIS DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES, AS WELL AS WITH LPF AND RLG REPRESENTATIVES. HE MET WITH SOUVANNA ON MARCH 19. HIEN WILL AGAIN BECOME DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC COPRS, REPLACING THE GVN AMBASSADOR WHO HAS ALREADY TAKEN STEPS NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE TRANSITION.

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ON MARCH 19, CAMBODIAN (FUNK) FOREIGN MINISTER KEUKY LIM ARRIVED IN VIENTIANE FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT ON FIRST STOP OF AN OFFICIAL TRIP TO SIX SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES. HE MET WITH PRIME MINISTER THE SAME DAY. COMMENTING ON LOCAL

SPECULATION THAT KEUKY LIM CAME TO VIENTIANE TO ASK THE  
RLG TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN CASE THE FUNK WERE TO BEGIN  
PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE KHMER ROUGE, THE RLG PRESS  
SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE RLG INTENDS TO PROMOTE PEACE NOT ONLY  
IN CAMBODIA, BUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

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### III. ICC DEVELOPMENTS

ON MARCH 13, THE ICC/LAOS CANADIAN DELEGATE SIMARD INFORMED PRIME MIFFISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO SEE ICC/LAOS ADJOURN SINE DIE, SINCE GOC BELIEVES: (A) THAT 1973 LAOS ACCORDS HAVE SUPERSEDED 1962 GENEVA PROTOCOL, AND (B) THAT ANTICIPATED NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE (I.E., TOKEN SYMBOLIC ROLE) WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOC. SOUVANNA REPORTEDLY REACTED IMPASSIVELY TO SIMARD'S DEMARCHE AND DID NOT URGE GOC TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION. SIMARD HAS REQUESTED INDIAN CHAIRMAN GHAREKHAN TO CONVENE INFORMAL ICC MEETING BEFORE END OF MONTH SO CANADA CAN TABLE MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT. THE POLES HAVE REPORTEDLY TOLD THE INDIANS THEY WOULD OPPOSE ADJOURNMENT, AND THE INDIANS ARE NOW AWAITING REACTIONS FROM THE CO-CHAIRMEN. SIMARD SAID THAT, AMONG OTHER MOTIVES, GOC WANTS TO SMOKE OUT MORE DETAILS ON EXACTLY WHAT LAO PARTIES WISH ICC TO DO, NOTING THAT OTTAWA IS TIRING OF DELAYS IN WORKING OUT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ICC.

ON MARCH 20, THE JCCIA SENT THE LONG-AWAITED REQUEST FOR REACTIVATION OF THE ICC. THE REQUEST, ADDRESSED TO THE INDIAN CHAIRMAN, ASKS THAT THE ICC "PURSUE ITS ACTIVITIES IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE NCCIA, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 12 OF THE VIENTIANE AGREEMENT AND ARTICLE 24 OF THE PROTOCOL AND WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE 1962 GENEVA AGREEMENTS." THE JCCIA ALSO SENT TWO  
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SEPARATE FRENCH TRANSLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOL TO THE INDIAN CHAIRMAN, WITH THE NOTE THAT A COMMON TRANSLATION WOULD SEEON BE FORTHCOMING. THE INDIANS NOW INTEND TO CONVENE THE ICC DELEGATES TO PRESENT THESE DOCUMENTS.

#### IV. SECURITY SITUATION

THE ONLY INCIDENT DURING WEEK OCCURED ON MARCH 16 WHEN ENEMY BATTALION OVERRAN FRIENDLY POSITION TEN KMS EAST OF LUANG PRABANG, CAUSING SIX WIA AND 37 MIA. RADIO PATHET LAO CONTINUES BLASTING AWAY AT U.S. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS.

#### V. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS

SLIGHT RISES IN RICE AND FISH PRICES OFFSET SEASONAL DECLINE IN PRICE OF VEGETABLES AND RAISED HE USAID COL INDEX BY ONE PERCENT DURING THE WEEK. OF THE 20.4 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE INDEX SINCE END 1973, MEAT, CHICKEN AND FISH ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT HALF OF THE INCREASE, RICE FOR LSIGHTLY LESS THAN A FOURTH, AND EGGS, FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND MILK ALSO FOR SLIGHTLY LESS THAN A FOURTH. MOST OF THESE COMMODITIES ARE IMPORTED FROM THAILAND.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEMAND DURING THE PAST WEEK INCREASED TO A LEVEL SLIGHTLY ABOVE 1973 AVERAGE. RLG MADE ANOTHER INTERIM CONTRIBUTION TO FEOF OF \$500,000, BRINGING ITS TOTAL CONRIBUTON SO FAR THIS YEAR TO \$2.0 MILLION.

ROYAL ORDINANCE, FEBRUARY 12, ESTABLISHED A NATIONAL RICE OFFICE TO STABILZE SUPPLY AND PRICE OF RICE. ITS INITIAL FUNDING IS KIP 200 MILLION, BUT THIS AMOUNT WOULD BE INCREASED SUBSEQUENTLY IF THE PROGRAM APPEARS SUCCESSFUL. ITS OPERATING PROCEDURES REMAIN TO BE DETERMINED.

ACCORDING TO A NATIONAL BANK OFFICIAL TWO L/CS FOR 800,000 FRENCH FRANCS WERE OPENED WITH THE "BANK OF TRADE OF THE USSR" ON DECEMBER 12, 1973, FOR PURCHASE OF SOVIET PHARMACEUTICALS SOME OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED. THESE L/C SHOULD REDUCE THE

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FAVORABLE RLG BALANCE IN LAO-SOVIET PAYMENTS AGREEMENT TO FF 200,000 REQUIRED FOR RLG EMBASSY EXPENDITURES IN MOSCOW.

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